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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3868

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER PINT, RP

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ALL RESPONSIBLE PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS
ARE OUT OF CITY OVER EASTER AND IT IS DOUBTFUL WE CAN

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OBTAIN GOP REACTION BEFORE MARCH 31.

IN MEANTIME, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR EMBASSY TO KNOW WHAT ACTION SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN MANILA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE ON THESE REQUESTS FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE.

2. IN CASE PHILIPPINE NAVY LST (WHICH INCIDENTIALLY, WAS NOT "LOANED", BUT IS CARRYING REFUGEES GRATIS AT PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DIRECTION) LOCAL AMBASSADOR PROVED WORTHLESS. HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH GOP, WHICH HE DID AT LOW LEVEL, BUT HE DID NOT RPT NOT CONSTRUE PROBLEM AS URGENT ENOUGH TO REQUIRE HIM TO WORK AT IT AFTER FIVE P.M. OFFICE CLOSING HOURS. IT WAS ONLY IN RESPONSE TO URGENT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CONSUL AL FRANCIS IN DANANG THAT THIS EMBASSY INTERCEDED WITH PHIL AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE ORDERS TO LST CAPTAIN.

3. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IN THOSE POSTS WHERE GVN HAS AMBASSADORS, THEY SHOULD RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO BESTIR THEMSELVES AND TO ACT AS IF THEY COMPREHEND THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM. THIS MEANS THEY SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO GO TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND WORK AFTER OFFICE HOURS IF NECESSARY. U.S. EMBASSIES CAN REINFORCE AND COMPLEMENT GVN EFFORTS, BUT IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR U.S. EMBASSIES TO BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM THAN GVN EMBASSIES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NATURE OF GVN INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR AMBASSADORS SO THAT WE MAY COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS WITH LOCAL GVN AMBASSADOR.
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